

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
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James Barton, et al. : Confirmation Number: 8519
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For: CLOSED CAPTION TAGGING SYSTEM

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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2010, the shortened statutory period for which runs until September 21, 2010. The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search. By this response, no claims are amended, added, or canceled. Hence, Claims 1-14, 28-41 and 55-68 are pending in this application.

All issues raised in the Office Action are addressed hereinafter.

I. INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephone interview conducted on September 16, 2010. Examiner Atala represented the USPTO. Applicants were represented by Karl T. Rees and Kirk Wong. The parties discussed distinctions between Claim 1 and U.S. Patent No. 6,546,556 ("*Kataoka*"). For at least the reasons discussed below, the Examiner agreed that the cited references failed to teach or suggest the method of Claim 1. The Examiner agreed that Claim 1 appeared to be allowable.